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St. Alphege was born in England in 953. He was a monk, then became a hermit and eventually succeeded the bishop of Winchester. He

served in that capacity for over two decades.

The king utilized Alphege to mediate a conflict with invading Danes.

During the mediation, he converted their chieftan, Anlaf, to Christianity. Sometime later Alphege was captured and held for ransom. He was killed in captivity.

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St. Andrew the Tribune is known as the Great Martyr and was a leader of converts in the Roman Army.

Andrew and his men faced a battle against the Persians and called upon Christ for aid. They were victorious.

Andrew and some of his troops became Christians and were discharged from military service.

They were baptized by Bishop Peter of Caesarea and arrested by military leaders and executed in the Taurus Mountains of Cilicia.

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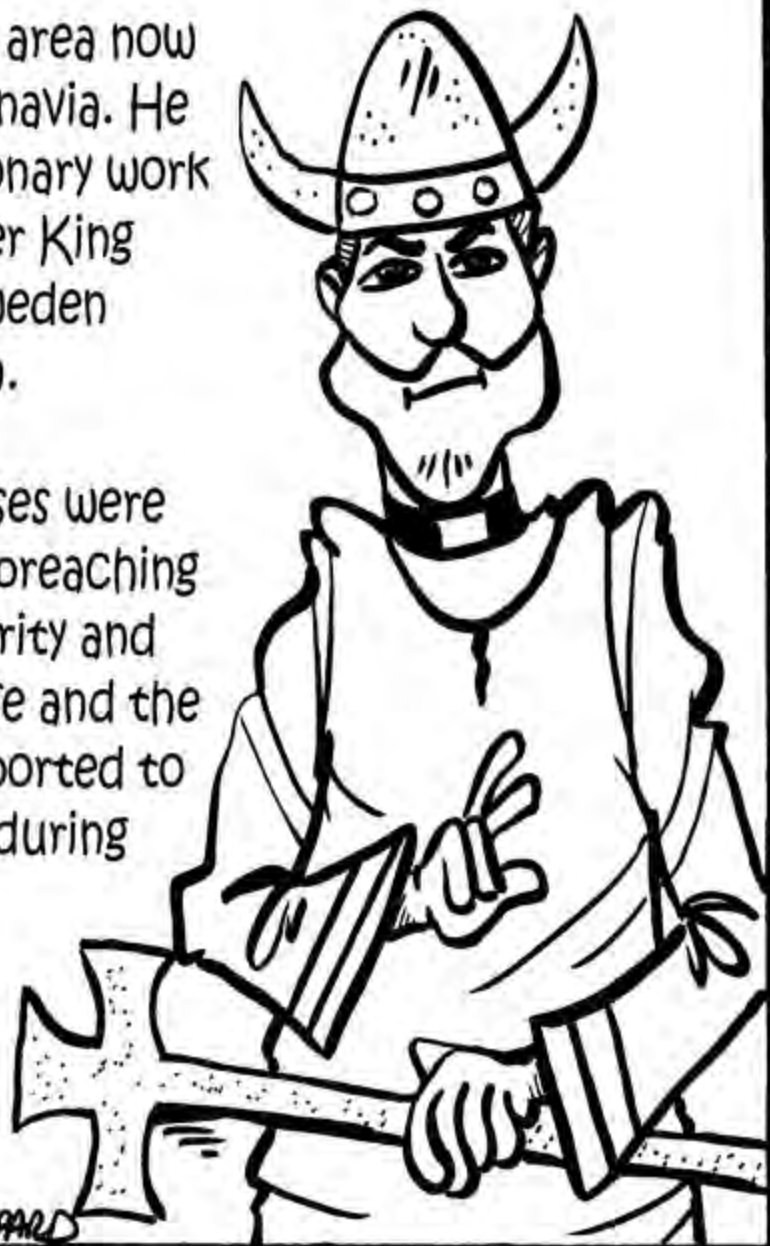
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St. Ansgar is known as the "Apostle of the North."

He was the first missionary in the area now known as Scandinavia. He engaged in missionary work in Denmark under King Harold and in Sweden under King Bjorn.

Ansgar's successes were due to his great preaching ability, the austerity and holiness of his life and the miracles he is reported to have performed during his life.

His feast day is February 3rd.



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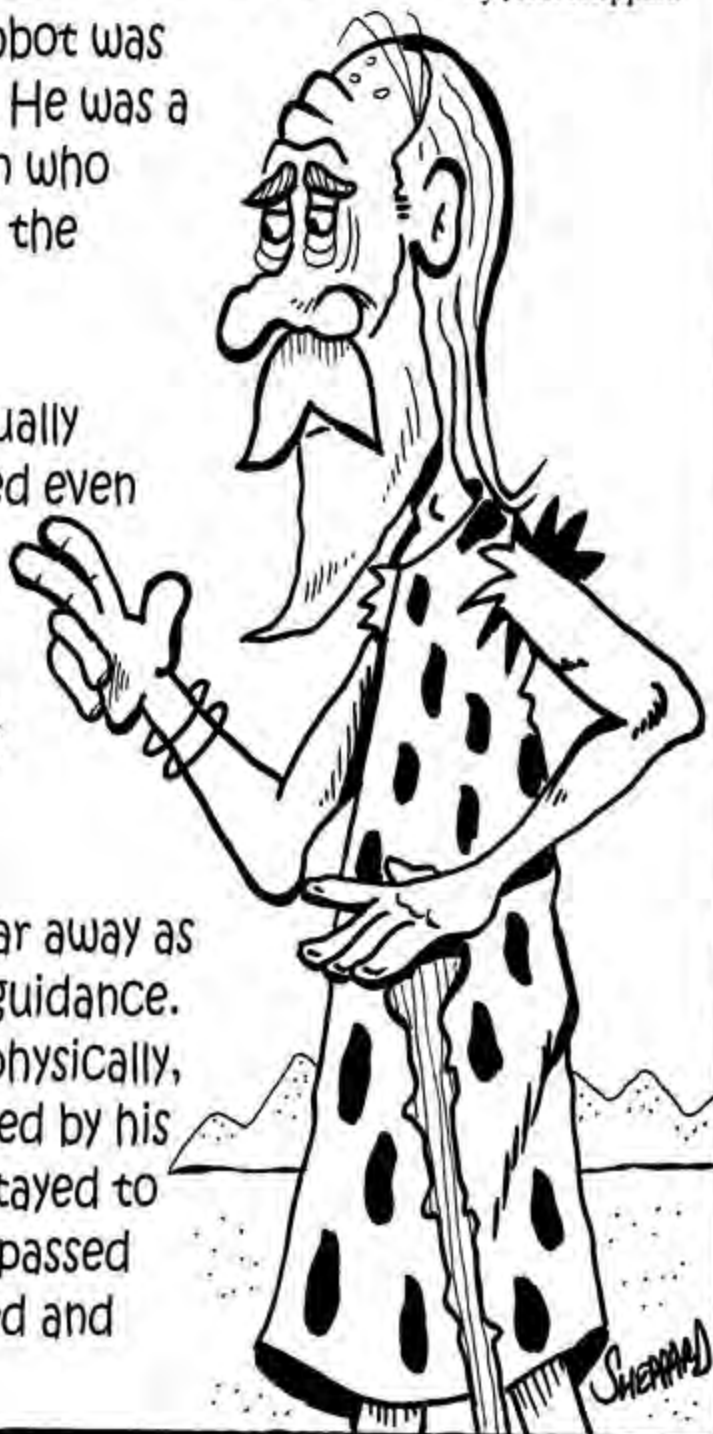
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St. Anthony the Abbot was an Egyptian hermit. He was a very spiritual person who believed in LIVING the Jesus life.

When people eventually found him, he moved even further away, eating only bread and water, praying, fasting and wearing skins as clothing.

Wise men from as far away as Greece sought his guidance. Some were healed physically, many were comforted by his words and others stayed to learn from him. He passed away at one hundred and five years old.



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St. Bernardine worked in the largest hospital in Siena, caring for plague victims, giving his all in this task. After then caring for a sick relative, Berbardine joined the Franciscans and was ordained in 1404.

He criss crossed Italy on foot, preaching several times a day. He died at age 64 in 1444.



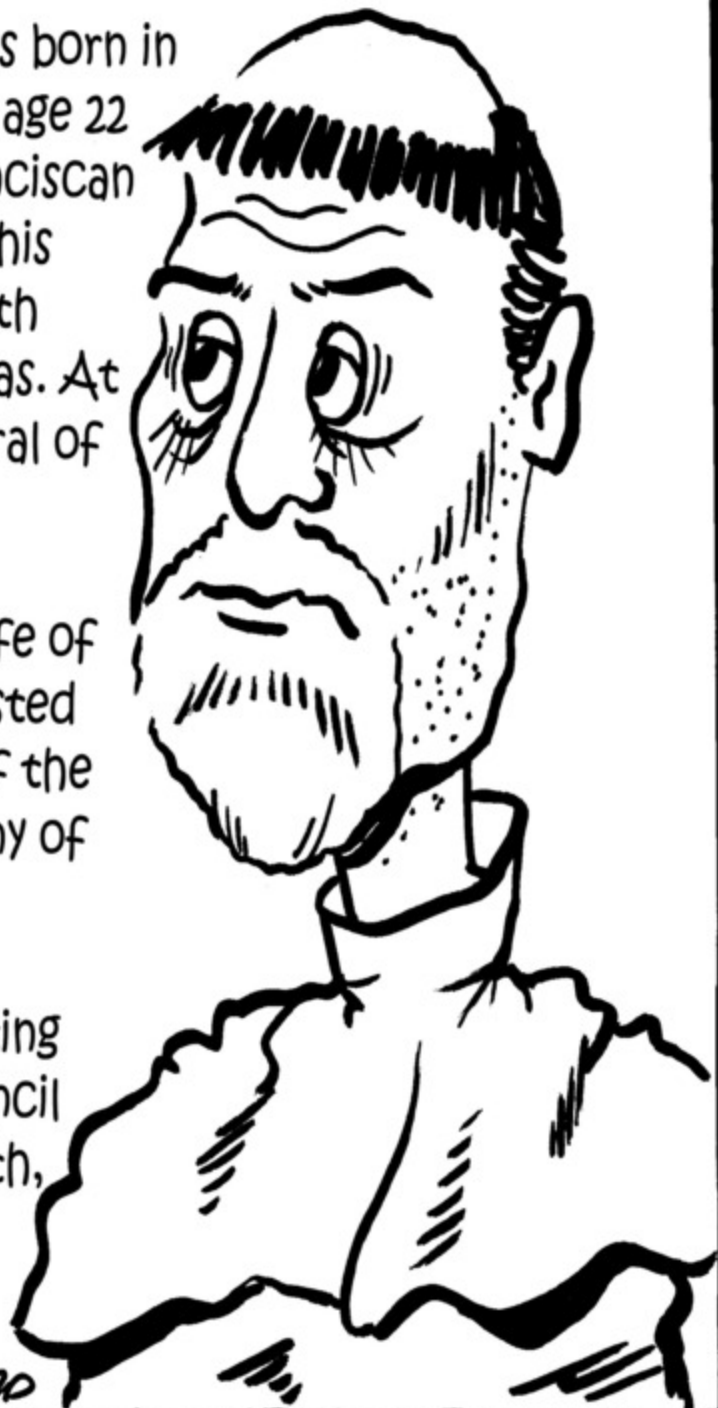
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St. Bonaventure was born in Tuscany in 1221. At age 22 he entered the Franciscan order. He received his Doctorate along with St. Thomas Aquinas. At age 35 he was General of his order.

He composed the life of St. Francis and assisted in the translation of the relics of St. Anthony of Padua.

He died while assisting at the Second Council of Lyons on July 15th, 1274.



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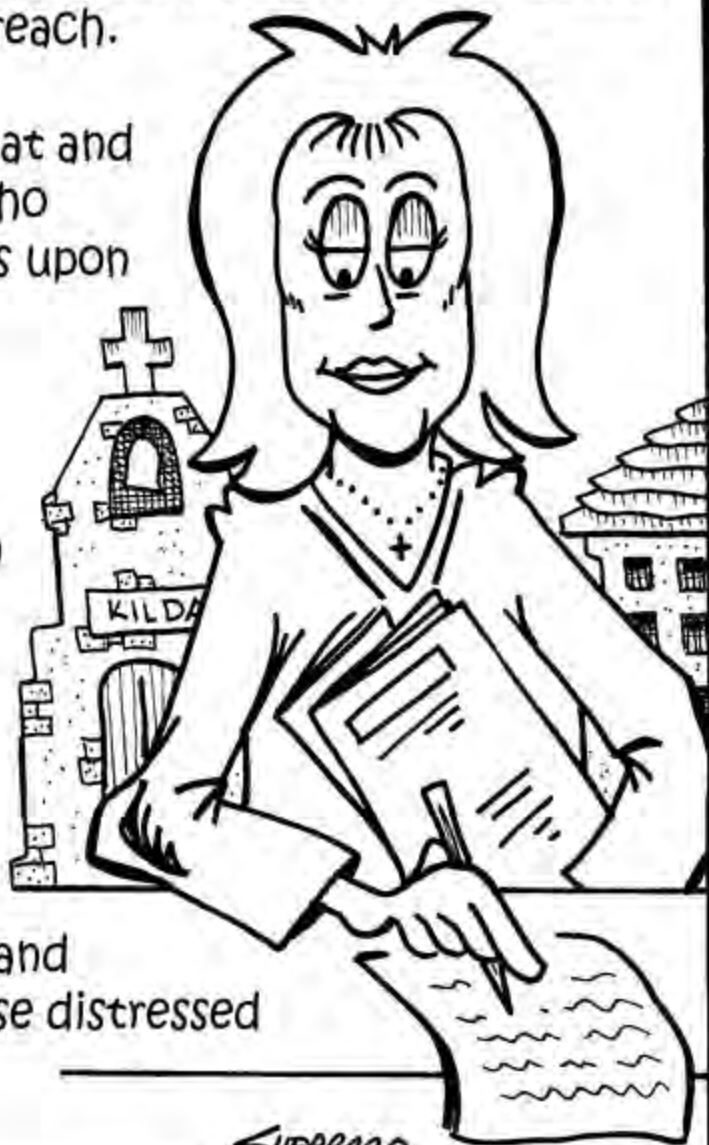
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Brigid was raised by Druids in Ireland and as a child heard St. Patrick preach.

She never forgot that and it was St. Patrick who heard her final vows upon entering into the convent.

She founded a double monastery in Kildare, an art school and many convents all over Ireland.

Her extraordinary spirituality, charity and compassion for those distressed were legendary.



St. Brigid of Ireland

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St. Bruno was born in Cologne and studied at the Cathedral in Rheims. He was ordained in 1055 and became a professor of theology.

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Their fame spread and Bruno became an advisor to the Pope.

After 6 years he founded St. Mary's monastery in Calabria. He passed away in 1101.



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St. Celestine was a hermit for many years. He devoted his life to God and prayed and copied books while helping other hermits. He even formed his own Order. The holy man was elected Pope when he was 84 years old. He was a kind and simple man and many took advantage of him. He served only 5 months before resigning his position. To avoid other from taking further advantage of him, he lived in the Vatican until his death.



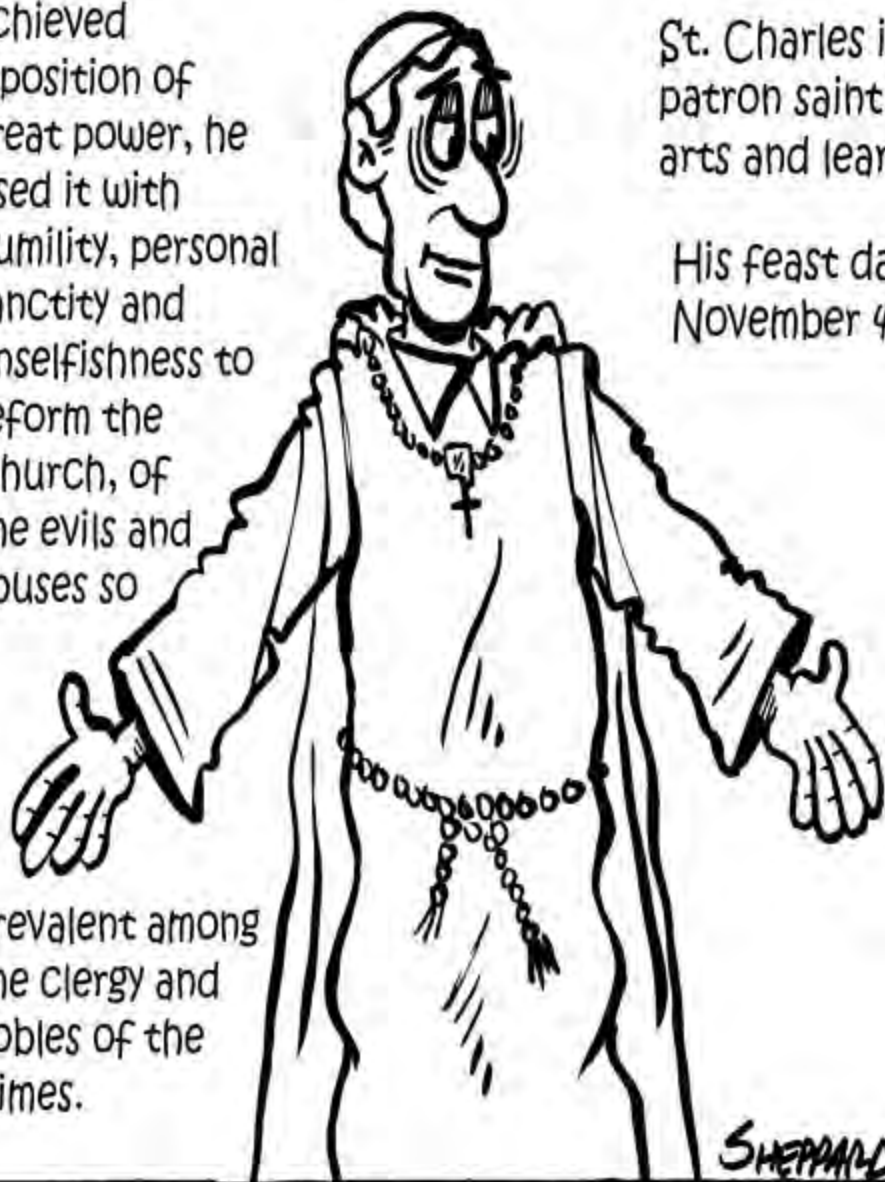
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St. Charles Borromeo was one of the towering figures of the Catholic Reformation.

Though he achieved a position of great power, he used it with humility, personal sanctity and unselfishness to reform the Church, of the evils and abuses so

prevalent among the clergy and nobles of the times.



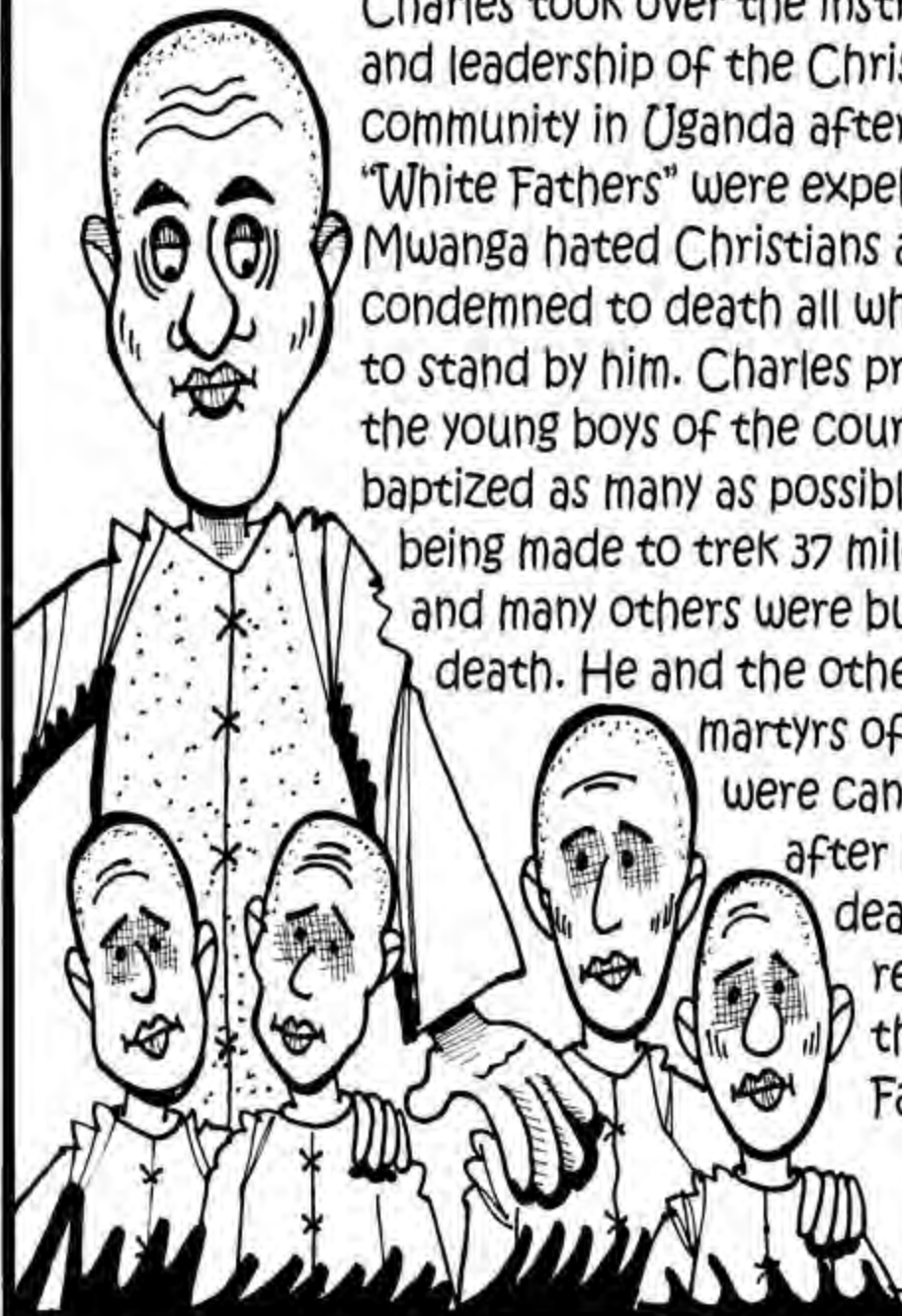
St. Charles is the patron saint of the arts and learning.

His feast day is November 4th.

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Charles took over the instruction and leadership of the Christian community in Uganda after the "White Fathers" were expelled. King Mwanga hated Christians and condemned to death all who refused to stand by him. Charles protected the young boys of the court and baptized as many as possible. After being made to trek 37 miles, Charles and many others were burnt to death. He and the other Catholic martyrs of Ugansa were canonized after Mwanga's death and the return of the White Fathers.



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St. Clare was the foundress of the "Poor Clares", an order of nuns. After listening to St. Francis of Assisi preach, she was moved to imitate him and serve Jesus. St. Francis himself cut her hair short and gave her a rough brown robe to wear.

She and her fellow nuns wore no shoes, ate no meat lived in a poor house and kept silent most times.

She carried the Blessed Sacrament to the walls of the convent to ward off attackers.

She dropped to her knees and prayed and the attack was aborted. Her feast day is August 11th.



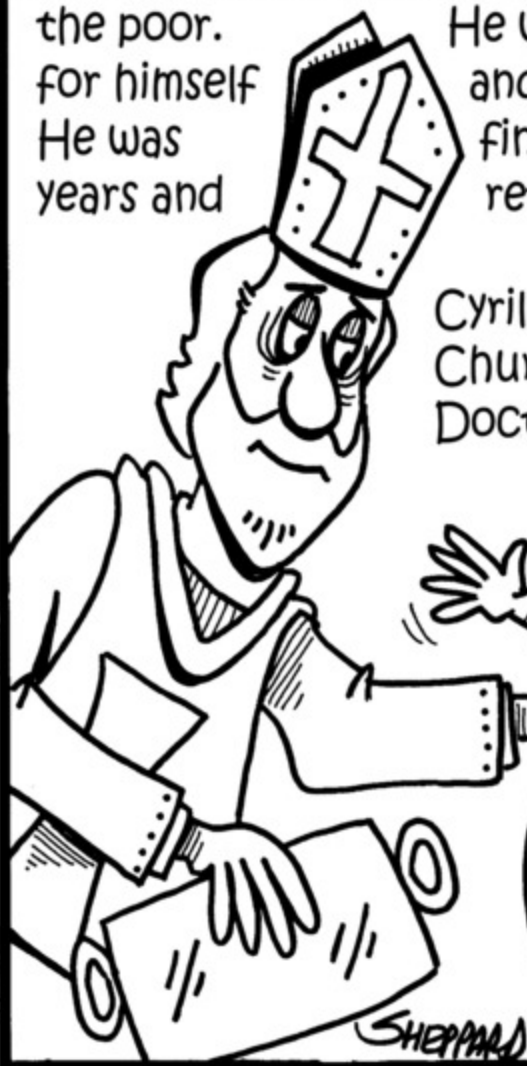
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St. Cyril was a deacon, a priest and then became bishop of Jerusalem after Maximus died. During a famine, Cyril sold church goods to raise money for the poor.

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He was
years and

He was accused of stealing
and was banished three times.
finally cleared after eleven
returned to Palestine.



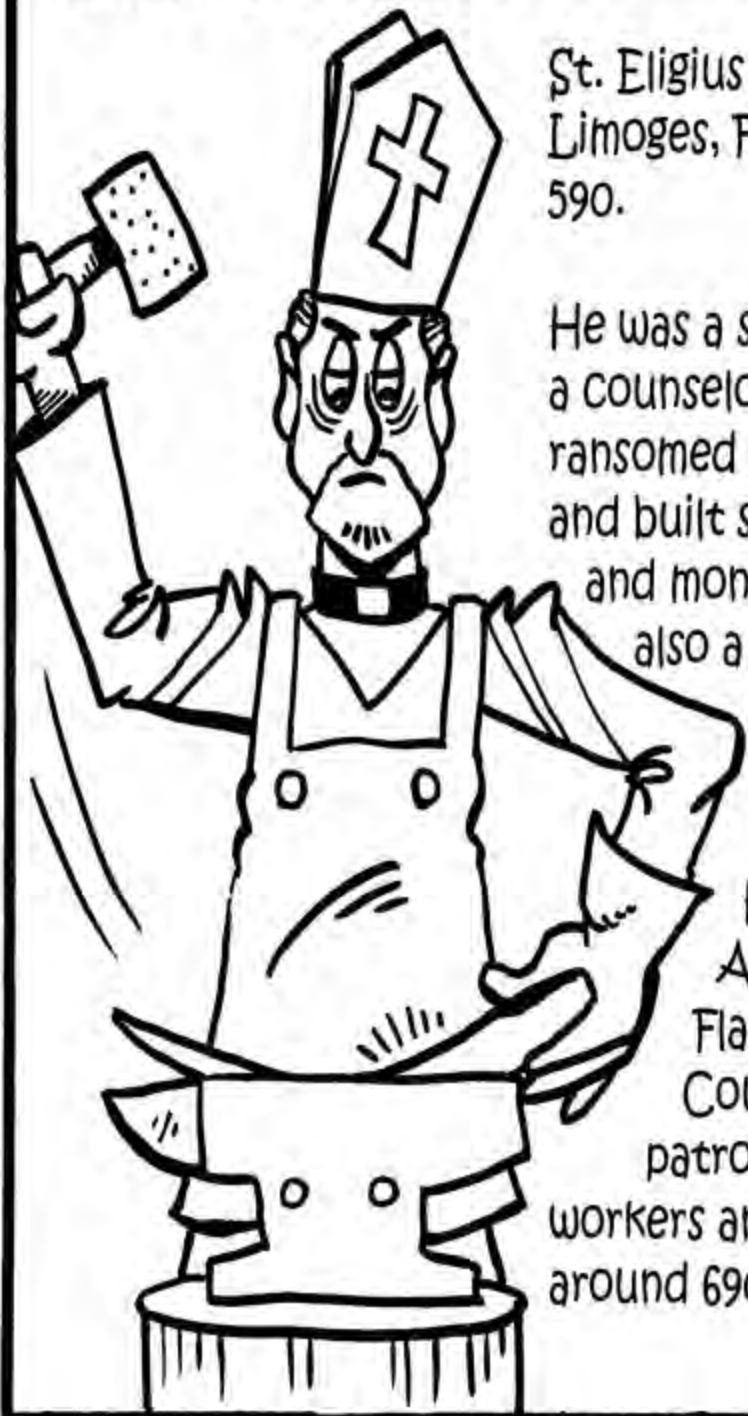
Cyril is known as one of the Early Church Doctor of

Fathers, a the Catholic Church and for his defense of of the Catholic Faith.

Born: 315
Died: 387

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St. Eligius was born near Limoges, France around 590.

He was a skilled metalsmith, a counselor to the king, he ransomed numerous slaves and built several churches and monasteries. He was also a priest and then later became a bishop.

He preached in Antwerp, Ghent, Flanders and Courtal. He is the patron of metal workers and passed away around 690 at Novon.

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St. Ephram was born in Mesopotamia in the early fourth century. He was a teacher and a deacon and wrote hymns to counteract the heresies rampant at that time.

He lived an ascetic and celibate life in his last years and devoted much of his time to prayer and good deeds. He organized the distribution of food in the famine of 372.

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St. Eusebius of Vercelli learned how to stand as a Christian from his father, who died a martyr. Serving the Church well as a lector, the Pope appointed him to preside over a council between Arians and Christians. He was so horrified at the Arians for forcing their will on the Christians, he slammed the Nicene Creed down and demanded everyone sign it before continuing.



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St. Finbar was born in Connaught, Ireland and was educated by monks.

He preached in Scotland and southern Ireland, lived as a hermit, founded a monastery and was the first bishop of Cork.

His monastery was very famous and attracted numerous disciples. Many miracles have been attributed to him and supposedly, the sun did not set for two weeks after he passed away!



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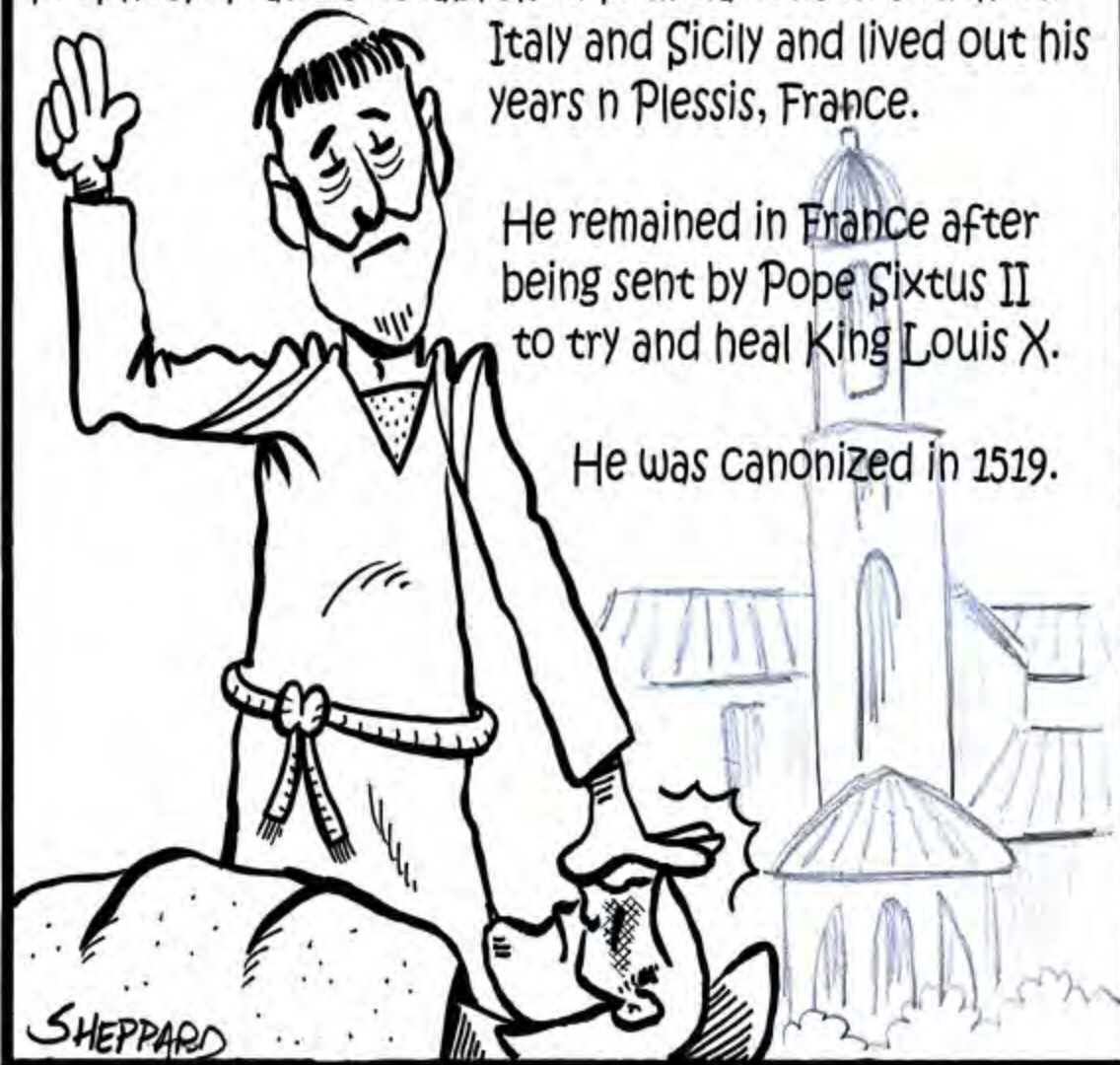
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St. Francis of Paola was an Italian hermit and founder of a community known as the Minim Friars.

He was credited with miracles and the gift of prophesy. Francis established foundations in southern Italy and Sicily and lived out his years in Plessis, France.

He remained in France after being sent by Pope Sixtus II to try and heal King Louis X.

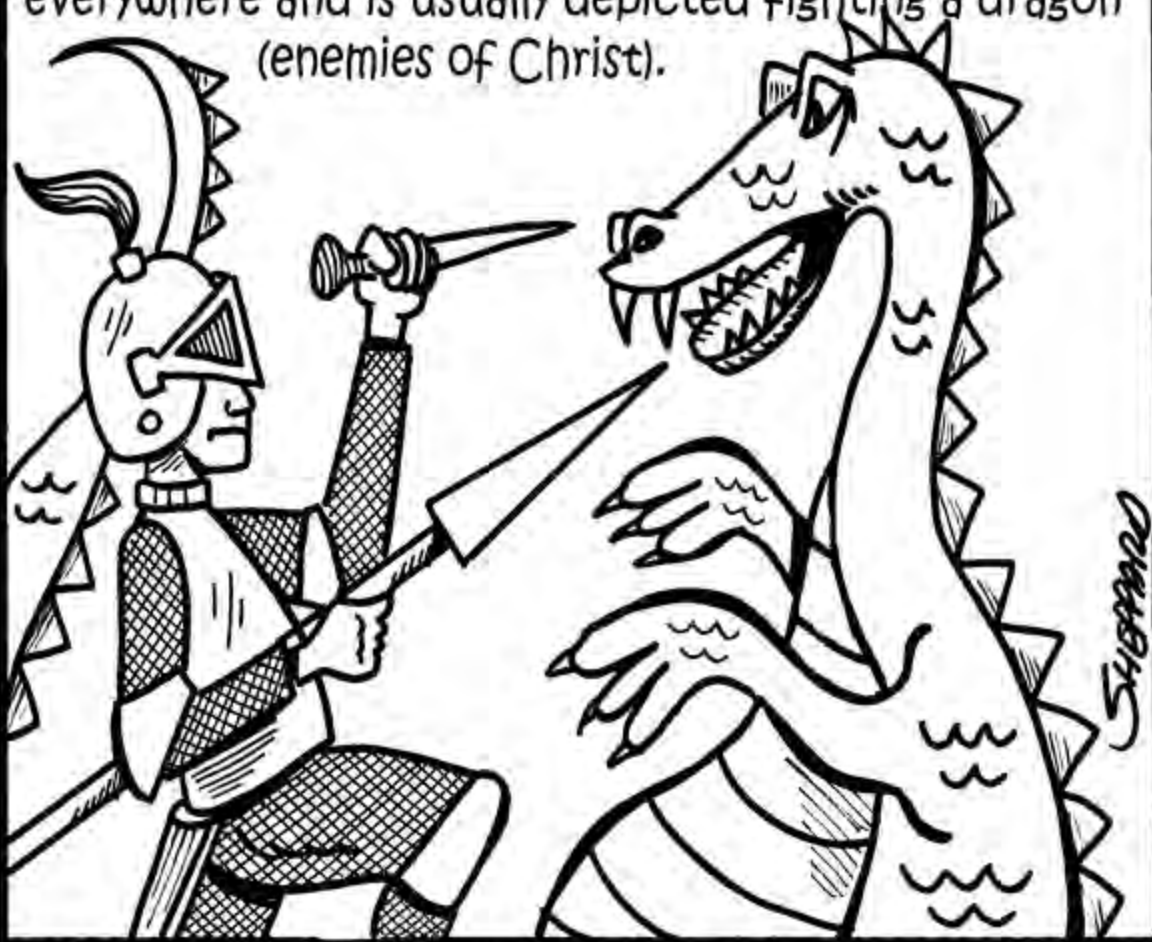
He was canonized in 1519.



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St. George was a soldier in Diocletian's army. The emperor hated Christians and killed any he came across. George was also a soldier in the army of Christ and scolded the emperor for being cruel and resigned from the Roman army. For this he was tortured and beheaded. He is revered by soldiers everywhere and is usually depicted fighting a dragon (enemies of Christ).



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St. Hilary was born in Sardina, Italy. Hilary was used by Pope St. Leo I on many assignments and when he died, Hilary was elected Pope.

He worked to strengthen the Church in France and Spain. He also rebuilt many Roman churches and erected the chapel of St. John Lateran.

He rebuked the Emperor Anthemius for supporting heresy and consolidated the Church in Sardinia, Africa and Gaul.

He died in Rome.



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St. Ignatius of Loyola was born in Spain. He was a soldier in the Spanish Army in wars against the French.

After the military he studied the saints and decided to be a soldier of the Catholic faith. He finished his degree at age 43 and along with St. Francis Xavier, started The Society of Jesus, or Jesuits.

He died at the age of 65

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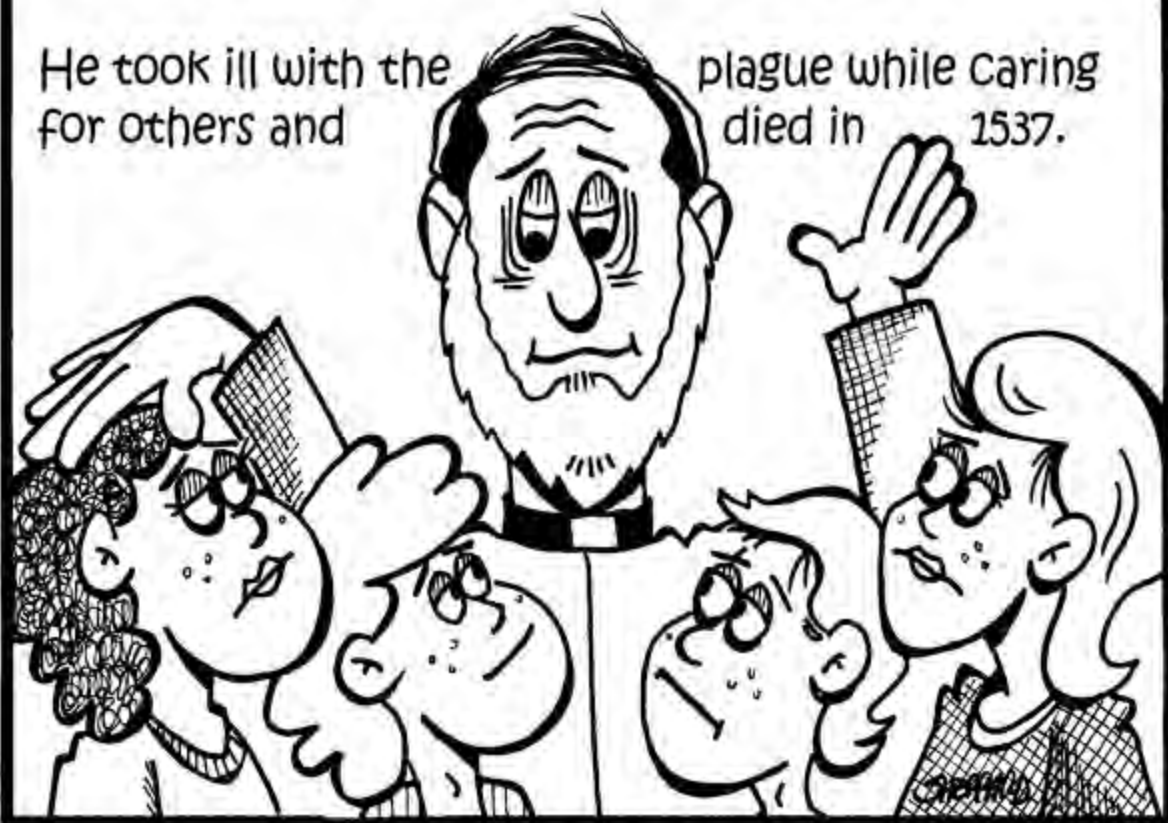
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Imprisoned for years, he embraced God. He later returned to Venice and studied to be a priest. He devoted himself to the poor, the suffering and especially the orphans. He became their family.

He committed his life to helping them. He founded orphanages, hospitals, schools and shelters.

He took ill with the
for others and

plague while caring
died in 1537.



St. Jerome Emiliani



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